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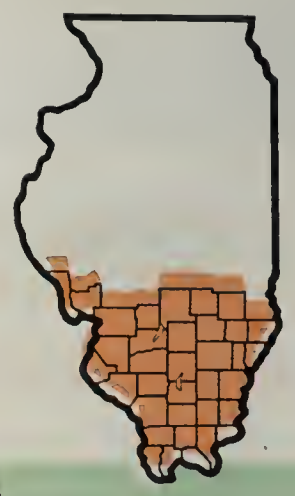
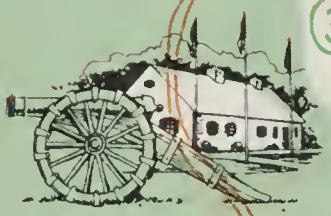
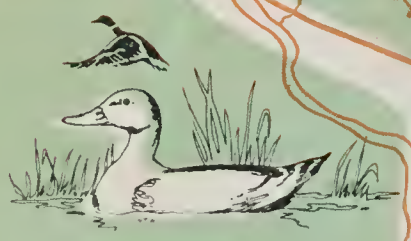
Discover the Land
Between the Rivers!

These are two of four "Bound to Please" Family Fun Trips throughout spectacular Southern Illinois that are mapped for your enjoyment and will allow you to stop, start, or take side trips to many worthwhile attractions along each route. Plan each trip well, drive safely, and have wonderful Mini-Trips! (If you enjoy these two trips, write for Mini-Trips 3 & 4.)







The vintage timbers of the Church of the Holy Family in Cahokia are a fitting introduction to your drive through Illinois' French colonial district and Shawnee National Forest. Built in 1799, the church is the oldest west of the Alleghenies. Nearby, another reminder of early colonial life can be seen at the Cahokia Courthouse State Memorial. The French pioneer log house was built in 1737 and was once the county seat for a portion of the Northwest Territories. Still another building, the Jarrot House, is the oldest brick structure in the state and was built in 1799 by a wealthy local landowner, Nicholas Jarrot.

Drive south on Route 3 to Columbia for some old world color at Eberhard's Bavarian Stein Museum and Restaurant, then through Ruma and west on Route 155 to Prairie Du Rocher. Not far away is Ft. De Chartres State Park, site of what was once the most powerful French military fortress in the Mississippi River Valley. Completed in 1720, Ft. De Chartres echoes with the volley of a French "six-pounder" canon each Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. during the summer.

South on Route 3 brings you to Illinois' first capital at Kaskaskia and the nearby home of Pierre Menard, the state's first Lieutenant Governor.

(Take a side trip to the Randolph County Conservation Area located northeast of Route 3 at Chester. Lake Kincaid can be reached via Route 149 east of Route 3).

Route 149 takes you to Lake Murphysboro and into the northwest portion of the 240,000 acre Shawnee National Forest.

(For travelers who would like to see one of the dozen remaining covered bridges in Illinois, drive four miles east of Chester on Route 150 to Mary's River Covered Bridge.)

Further south on Route 3 you can visit Grand Tower and the largest pipe line suspension bridge in the world. For complimenting your travels with a family style meal, stop at Hale's Restaurant. The Hunsaker House down the street features local historic artifacts.

Three nearby sites along Route 3 worth visiting include - the Pine Hills Recreation Area, Trail of Tears State Park and the Union County Conservation Area. Before reaching the Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area and its 7,900 acres of hunting and fishing delights, visit the old courthouse in Thebes. The hill-top relic was built in 1848 and is filled with rare books and displays.

The dramatic confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers is the setting for your stop at Cairo and Ft. Defiance State Park. The stately Magnolia Manor and Mound City Cemetery are added destinations on your southland travel agenda. Civil War gunboats were once built at Mound City Marine Ways.

Northbound Route 57 brings you the forests, shallow ravines and canyons of Ferne Clyffe State Park. The peaceful outdoor setting is brightened with quiet streams and a 16 acre fishing lake. To the west lies Giant City State Park and its toppled rock formations.

Drive north through the Lake of Egypt Recreation Area and arrive in Marion where you can enjoy a 14 mile Crab Orchard and Egyptian Railroad trip on a genuine 1920's locomotive. Route 13 from Marion leads you on a short tour through the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, a 43,000 acre recreation area and the home of the Chamness School Nature Trail.

Rend Lake's 18,900 acre fishing and boating haven is located north of Marion on Route 57. Mt. Vernon's new Mitchell Art Museum boasts a rich collection of both local and international masterpieces. Nearby Salem lets you visit the birthplace of William Jennings Bryant as well as the restored Halfway House stagecoach stop.

(A side trip takes you west of Salem to the Carlyle Lake Recreation Area where 26,000 acres of open water should satisfy any outdoor enthusiast.)

Before reaching Effingham and Lake Sara, sample more outdoor enjoyment at Stephen A. Forbes State Park located northeast of Salem and east of Omega via Route 37. The Teutopolis Museum on Route 40 mirrors Southern Illinois' rich heritage.

Vandalia's restored Statehouse offers a look at what early Illinois' political arena was like during the years when Lincoln first began his career as a state legislator. A tourist information center on Routes 70 and 50 offers complete travel guidance as well as free brochures and maps.

Westbound Route 70 leads through Greenville's parks and boating lakes, past the fishing treasures of Silver Lake, to Highland where you can enjoy a visit to the Wicks Organ and Clock Company.

Before ending your Mini trip, turn south at the junction of 66 and 50 to Collinsville for a visit to Cahokia Mounds State Park, home of the largest earthwork mounds in America. Early Illinois Indians who hunted along the Mississippi River Valley a thousand years ago, built these monuments as worship centers. One, Monks Mound, is larger than the Great Pyramid of Egypt.

## Mini Trip 2

Greenville
Keyesport
Centralia
Carlyle
Mascoutah
Fairview Heights
Okawville
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Nashville
Mt. Vernon
Burnt Prairie
Grayville
127
McLeansboro
Pinckneyville
DuQuoin
1
Harrisburg
Murphysboro
Shawneetown
Alto Pass
Cobden
Elizabethtown
Jonesboro
146
Anna
Rosiclare
Vienna
24
145
Golconda
Metropolis

nation. The little log community includes an old schoolhouse, post office, barn, and two-room dwelling.

Route 1 leads south into the huge Shawnee National Forest and the Pounds Hollow Recreation Area. After enjoying the nearby 28 acre lake and surrounding forestland, visit the sculpted rock formations of Garden of the Gods. Cave-in-Rock State Park, once a hiding place for river pirates and counterfieters, is a good place for a relaxing stroll along the Ohio River.

The Tower Rock Recreation Area serves as an introduction to Elizabethtown and the Old Rose Hotel which was built in 1817 and overlooks the Ohio River. Southwest of Elizabethtown on Route 34, Rosiclare boasts the title of "flourspar capital of the world" and features a new museum dedicated to the state's mineral.

Route 146 leads to historic Golconda and the Victorian architecture of the Riverview Mansion Hotel. Here, Pope County's annual deer festival draws thousands of midwest hunters each fall who celebrate local southland heritage with a weekend of crafts, entertainment and food.

Dixon Springs State Park, with its bold cliffs and jagged rock crags, features a full-sized swimming pool and picturesque camping locations. More family outdoor entertainment is available at nearby Lake Glendale.

Route 145 south leads you on a drive through Ft. Massac State Park and its reconstructed fort and Interpretive Center, with displays and a historical slide program.

If you thought Superman's home town existed only in comic books, then take a side trip to nearby Metropolis before continuing north on Route 24 to Vienna. Turn west on Route 146 through Anna, Jonesboro and the year-round wildlife refuge at the Union County Conservation Area. Northbound Route 57 takes you to Ferne Clyffe State Park, a serene outdoor respite featuring a placid fishing lake and cool forest canyons.

Hiking and picnic enthusiasts should drive north five miles on Route 127 to Trail of Tears State Park.

The 111-ft. Bald Knob Cross near Alto Pass offers a breathtaking view of southern Illinois. The town is also the home of the Alto Pass Quilters. Cobden's town museum will treat you to local Ozark foothills displays. Nearby orchards yield tasty apples and fresh peaches for a summer roadside picnic.

Cedar Lake and Lake Murphysboro State Park offers 900 acres of more typical Southern Illinois outdoor recreation. (For anglers, a side trip to Lake Kinkaid might yield a hefty bass or panfish.) September's Murphysboro Apple Festival provides a chance to participate in an extravaganza of crafts, food and entertainment.

(Side trips include a visit to Hayes Fair Acres in DuQuoin, home of the annual DuQuoin State Fair which, each August, hosts the Hambletonian, the "Kentucky Derby" of harness racing, and in October hosts the Southern Illinois Folk Festival. At the junction of 127 and 152 head west toward the 2542 acre Pyramid State Park.

Route 127 lets you drive through Pinckneyville and the 1378 acre Washington County Conservation Area south of Nashville.

Carlyle Lake's 26,000 acre man-made water recreation bonanza includes two shoreline recreation areas - Eldon Hazlet and South Shore State Parks. The Hunter House and Museum in Carlyle is located several blocks away from the General Dean Suspension Bridge.

Route 127 winds through Keysport via Route 70 to Greenville, which was settled in 1815, three years before Illinois became a state.

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